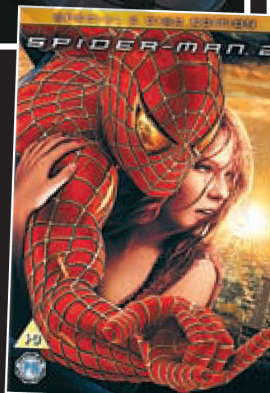
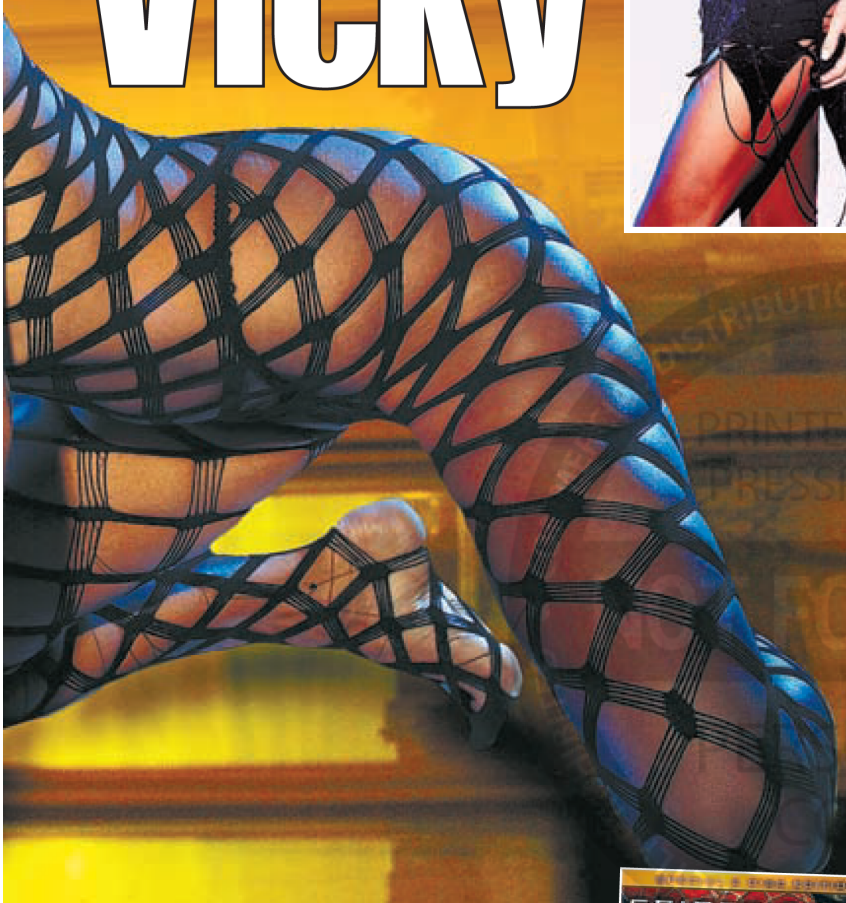


DEL REVEALS HER SECRET DESIRE FOR A SUPERHERO

Spider babe Vicky

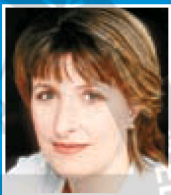


Black suspender belt and stockings, above, by Hustler Hollywood, 0121 236 3498. Top inset, that black £30,000 web dress by Scott Henshall. Left, Black bra and thong (with spider web) by Victorias Secrets www.victoriasecrets.com

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cameras and you have to shower in a bikini as it's on film in there too.
"I don't know what I think about everyone seeing me in the shower!"
Well, it doesn't sound bad to us, especially if the saucy former Miss Sweden takes a few gal pals with her.
She goes on: "I would love to be in Big Brother with Abi Titmuss."
"I bet she'd tell lots of dirty stories, that would be funny. I love flirting with girls. It's a super-exciting feeling for me."
But her ideal partner would always be a superhero. And she admits to a soft spot for her other favourite superhero, the Incredible Hulk.
She confesses: "I used to watch the Hulk when I was growing up. I loved him to bits. So I'd love a big strong man in the Big Brother house, someone like Calum Best."
"I would also love to go into the house with Robbie Williams. And a good cook like Jamie Oliver, he'd be fun - plus he'd cook me loads of fantastic food. Heaven!"
Spider-Man 2 is out today on VHS and DVD, courtesy of Columbia TriStar Home Entertainment. The two-disc DVD is full of spidey action.
Alan Frank's verdict:
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Just Jane



JANE O'GORMAN SOLVES YOUR PROBLEMS TODAY AND EVERY DAY

Lover's a porn addict

MY boyfriend looks at porn on the internet when I'm not around and has admitted that he pleasures himself while doing it. I'm really upset, because this makes me feel so inadequate. I've tried talking to him about it, but all he says is: "Deal with it, because I'm not going to change."

I thought that he might suggest that we watch it together. But he simply says he's not cheating on me, so I shouldn't make such a fuss.

It was actually his idea for me to write to you, because he says the majority of blokes do it. I'm worried that he's turning to porn because I'm not experienced enough or giving him sufficient pleasure.

We have an OK sex life, but am I being unreasonable in asking him to stop?

I'm 21, he's 28 and we've been together for four years. I feel on the verge of breaking up with him.

JANE SAYS: Yes, some men do look at internet porn. But it's wrong of your boyfriend to suggest that all men do it, so that makes it OK.

If it's not OK with YOU, then that's something you both need to talk about and deal with.

It sounds as if your boyfriend is taking a very bullish attitude towards this. I suggest that you ask him to calm down and talk sensibly about how you're feeling.

Tell him that his habit is undermining your confidence and upsetting you. He may not be cheating on you physically, but his mind is certainly in another place when he's online.

Ask him to respect your feelings and work with you to find a solution. Perhaps switching off the computer and having a few early nights might be a good start.

If he's not willing to meet you halfway, perhaps he's not the man for you.

TWO weeks ago, I published this letter from a reader who wanted your advice...

FOR the past eight months I've been having sex with both of my female flatmates. If I feel horny, and one of them is up for it, then we just hit the sack.

Now one of the girls has started getting serious, saying I must choose between them and ditch the other.

I just know that this is going to lead to complications. The other girl is pretty headstrong and I know that she'll resent being ganged up on.

Here's some of your replies...

I DON'T envy your reader one bit. A couple of years ago, I found myself torn between two lovers and it wasn't pleasant.

The two girls fought over me like a cat and dog. They did my head in with their constant demands. I'm

RIGHT TO REPLY



now single and feel far better off without either of them.

NAME WITHHELD. YOUR reader is an idiot if he thinks he can continue to play one girl off against the other. An ex boyfriend did that to me. He was dating me and my mate. In the end, she and I had a brief sexual relationship of our own. It was lovely!

Ms JULIE FIELD, Leicester:

I COULDN'T believe my eyes when I read this man's "problem". My heart bleeds. No wonder

there are so many sexually transmitted diseases around when idiots like him are at large.

COLIN GROVES, Bristol. NOW what should this reader do? Write to the address below. A selection will be printed in TWO weeks...

MY 15-year old daughter has come under the influence of a much older girl. They spend all their time together and I don't like the person my daughter is turning into.

Suddenly she's become sulky and rude, and I don't know where she is from one minute to the next. Her new best friend is 19 and something of a tough cookie.

My husband isn't unduly worried because our daughter has always been mature for her age. But I haven't told him that she didn't come home the other night and that money has started going missing.

How dare she nick my dosh?

MY adult granddaughter is refusing to pay back some cash I lent her.

She claimed at the time that she needed £300 to tax the car her father had just given her.

The agreement was that she'd pay me back in two weeks. Well, it's now two years and I'm no closer to getting my money.

Her father has ordered her to pay it back and I've even got the Citizen's

Advice Bureau to write a letter addressed to her husband, but it's all been ignored.

The last time we spoke was a year ago. I rang her up and asked for the money, but she just said: "You'll get it when I'm good and ready," and slammed the phone down.

I just don't understand what's going on. Both she and her husband work and earn good money.

When my husband was terminally ill, she was a great help. Despite liv-

ing 50 miles away, she'd come and give support when it was needed.

But I always made sure that she was never left out of pocket by paying her petrol expenses, which totalled about £150.

Over the years, I've also treated her to a car, paid for half her wedding and made her bridesmaid's dresses.

I also supported her when she had a baby out of wedlock. I looked after the child so she could carry on working. I've done so much out of love, but now she's acting like a stranger.

All I want is my money back and I don't know what else I can do.

I CAN'T GET IT UP

I'M 22 and struggle to get it up for women. I worry that I might be gay.

I recently met this really fit girl in a nightclub - at least, my mates thought she was fit. She was clearly into me and I agreed to go back to her place for "coffee".

But when we got down to it, I couldn't get an erection without thinking about a particular guy.

Lately, I've been finding myself aroused by men, even when I'm walking down the street. In particular, I'm very keen on my best mate.

JANE SAYS: It's not unusual to be sexually attracted to people of the opposite sex and the same sex at one time

or another. According to the Teenage Health Freak website, about one in every 26 men aged 16 to 19 report having had a homosexual experience.

But the number of older men who end up being gay is far lower.

There's a possibility that you could be bisexual, in which case you fancy men and women. But I suggest that you give yourself more time before deciding what you are.

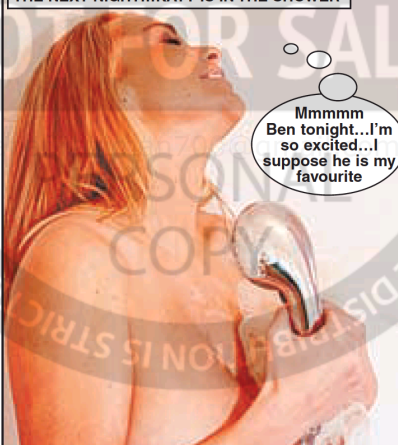
Spend time with your friends, but don't feel pressurised to have sex with anyone you don't want to.

If it turns out that you are gay, then that's absolutely fine. Call the Lesbian and Gay Switchboard (020 7637 7324) if you ever need to talk.

I LOVE THEM ALL

Day Five

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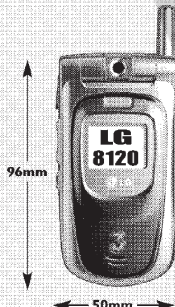
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Spacey's out of this

UK TOP 10

- 1 (1) BRIDGET JONES: THE EDGE OF REASON £5,047,315
- 2 (2) THE GRUDGE £800,277
- 3 (-) AFTER THE SUNSET £664,223
- 4 (-) THE MANCHURIAN CANDIDATE £624,441
- 5 (-) TAXI £540,581
- 6 (4) VEER ZAARA £323,905
- 7 (7) LADIES IN LAVENDER £287,248
- 8 (3) SHARK TALE £282,400
- 9 (5) BAD SANTA £251,024
- 10 (6) FINDING NEVERLAND £189,631

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BLOCKBUSTER TOP 10

- 1 (1) HARRY POTTER AND THE PRISONER OF AZKABAN
- 2 (2) ELF
- 3 (5) TROY
- 4 (9) QUICKSAND
- 5 (4) DAWN OF THE DEAD
- 6 (-) AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 DAYS
- 7 (3) FAHRENHEIT 9/11
- 8 (10) THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW
- 9 (6) SHREK 2
- 10 (-) SPIDER-MAN 2

US TOP 10

- 1 (-) NATIONAL TREASURE \$35,142,554
- 2 (-) SPONGEBOB SQUARE-PANTS \$32,018,216
- 3 (1) THE INCREDIBLES \$26,523,852
- 4 (2) THE POLAR EXPRESS \$15,668,101
- 5 (5) BRIDGET JONES: EDGE OF REASON \$10,044,890
- 6 (3) AFTER THE SUNSET \$5,075,005
- 7 (6) RAY \$4,565,210
- 8 (7) THE GRUDGE \$3,812,121
- 9 (4) SEED OF CHUCKY \$3,241,211
- 10 (8) SAW \$2,882,575

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COMING SOON



NEXT WEEK: The Americans continue to win World War Two on their terms in the splendidly silly Churchill: The Hollywood Years. Christian Slater stars as Winston, with Harry Enfield (above) as the King and the flick even features Hollywood's Neve "Scream" Campbell.

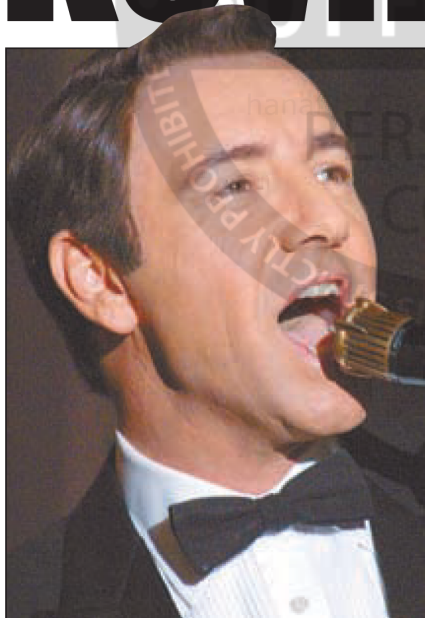
THE WEEK AFTER: Andrew Lloyd Webber's celebrated musical version of The Phantom Of The Opera hits the big screen, starring Gerard Butler as the Phantom alongside Emmy Rossum and Minnie Driver.



SUITS YOU: Kevin and Kate turn on the style as they turn back the clock to the 60s

Kevin dazzles as Bobby

STAR'S RIGHT ON SONG



BELTER: Spacey's stunning as tragic Darin

BEYOND THE SEA (12A)
"I WANT it all," announced go-getting singing star Bobby Darin back in the 1960s.

And for a while the American had the lot – a string of hits including Dream Lover and Mac the Knife, a movie career and marriage to Hollywood star Sandra Dee.

Kevin Spacey's standout portrait of Darin and his superb singing commands the screen in a fascinating rags-to-riches biopic he co-wrote and directed and, for good measure, co-produced.

Darin, born in the Bronx as Walden Robert Cassotto, wasn't expected to live to 15 after rheumatic fever damaged his heart. But driven by ambition he found singing, acting and song-writing stardom.

Hollywood beckoned and he met and married Sandra Dee while they were filming Come September (fortunately Dee ignored her mum's

plea to concentrate on Rock Hudson, who turned out to be gay).

In true Tinseltown tradition, collapsing careers and fading fame strained their relationship. They parted and Darin had to revamp his singing style to make a memorable Las Vegas comeback before his death in 1973, aged just 37.

Terrific

Spacey belts out the songs brilliantly and, despite being older than Darin, his fantastic performance soon makes you forget he doesn't really resemble his subject.

Kate Bosworth does well as forgotten star Dee, William Ulrich is terrific as young all-singing, all-dancing Bobby, Brenda Blethyn scores as his mum and if you fancy unintentional laughs Bob Hoskins' ludicrous American accent is a hoot.

But it's Kevin's triumph on both sides of the camera: he's a genuine Bobby dazzler!

VERDICT: 8 1/2 out of 10

world as Julianne tackles aliens targeting the Earth

JUDE'S SPOT OF HEART TROUBLE

I HEART HUCKABEES (12A)

LISTEN carefully, I shall say this only once – depressed conservationist Jason Schwartzman hires seriously daft Existential Detectives' (whatever that means) Dustin Hoffman and Lily Tomlin to find out the meaning of his life.

Jude Law (yes, him again) plays the hunky face of the land-greedy Huckabees Corporation, and fellow Brit Naomi Watts is his girl.

Co-writer/director David O Russell, who struck gold revamping Kelly's Heroes as Three Kings, here turns lead into dung with an absurd fantasy that makes no sense, wastes its cast and budget and would waste your time too.

VERDICT: 2/10



LAW-FUL: Even Jude and Naomi can't save this stinker

DOWN 'N DIRTY

ENDURING LOVE (15)

DANIEL Craig and three other men race to the rescue of an out-of-control hot air balloon but one man is killed. Craig suffers mightily from guilt and, making it worse, he's then stalked by deranged Rhys Ifans.

Sadly the striking opening is followed by a typhoon of pretentious hot air in this sleep-inducing "thriller".

VERDICT: 1/10

MY HOUSE IN UMBRIA (12A)

MAGGIE Smith does the Full Luvvie thing and it paid off when she won an Emmy for her screen-stealing portrait of a best

selling romantic novelist convalescing with fellow train bomb explosion survivors in a picture postcard villa in Italy. It's no surprise this English Heritage drama was made for US TV.

VERDICT: 5/10

ANATOMY OF HELL (18)

FRENCH writer/director Catherine Breillat's film, in which a woman pays a gay man to "watch" her, sounds like a joke. But there are no laughs in this steamy sex show which proves the way to get porn past the censor. Is to subtitle it and pass it off as "Art".

VERDICT: Smut sells

Julie's gonna jolt you

THE FORGOTTEN (12A)

IS the ever more paranoid Julianne Moore simply imagining she had a son who died in an air crash?

Her worried husband and her shrink certainly think so, but nothing and nobody are what they seem to be in this intriguing sci-fi thriller.

Moore (pictured) joins forces with Dominic West, who's also "forgotten" his daughter as suspense scrapes your nerves raw. The pair face danger and death together as they fight to uncover an evil alien abduction plot-threatening planet earth.

Director Joseph Ruben maintains a brisk pace throughout and stages shocks guaranteed to jolt you out of your seat.

Moore and West give potent performances and if this flick seems like a big budget X-Files episode, that's no bad thing!

VERDICT: 7/10



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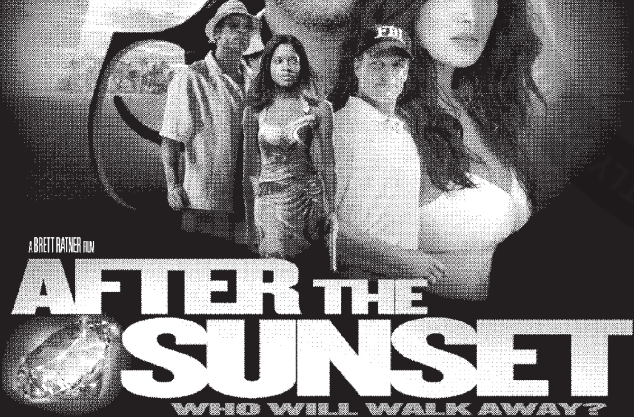
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When the high-powered career of Manhattan TV Executive Joanna Eberhart (Kidman) comes to an abrupt end, she has a nervous breakdown.

Odd

Her husband Walter Kresby (Broderick) moves the family to the idyllic community of Stepford in Connecticut for a happier, simpler life.

They are welcomed by locals Claire Wellington (Close) and her husband Mike (Walken), but Joanna notices something odd about the place. The

Stepford women are all beautiful bimbos, slaves to their nerdish men.

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DREAM TEAM: Nicole and Matthew Broderick



ALAN FRANK'S VIDEO VIEW

TOP TIP

SPIDER-MAN 2 (PG) (COLUMBIA TRISTAR DVD/VHS)
 IF you're looking for a better blockbuster, forget it – this is as good as it gets!

Tobey Maguire's back as web-slinging Spider-Man – but being a celebrated superhero has drawbacks...when he's complimented on his gaudy get-up he remarks, "It's kind of itchy. It sometimes rides up in the crotch, too".

Perhaps that's one reason why he thinks he's made a major mistake by dumping girlfriend Kirsten Dunst and settling instead for a dicey double life as college student Peter Parker and his crimefighting alter-ego.

Director Sam Raimi brilliantly balances Peter's problems (not enough sleep, a crap job delivering pizza and, especially, a broken heart) with lashings of fabulous fantasy action.

Maguire makes Peter and his emotional angst genuinely moving and he's equally impressive when he blazes into action again as our hero.

But Peter finally accepts his destiny after he saves a child from a burning building.

"I'm back! I'm back!" he cries triumphantly followed by "My back! My back!" as he crashes to earth because of his lack of practice.

Spider-Man has to soar to new heights to save New York when scientist Alfred Molina's experiments misfire leaving him with monstrous writhing metal limbs growing from his spine, a nasty nature and escalating madness.

Before long Molina is stomping Manhattan and wreaking havoc – it's up to Spider-Man to bring him down.

VERDICT: 9 1/2

BEST OF THE REST

THE COEN BROTHERS COLLECTION (15) (UNIVERSAL DVD)
 BEFORE they sold out with the vacant Intolerable Cruelty and the intolerable Tom Hanks remake of The Ladykillers, Joel and Ethan Coen made some of the best, most unusual films in Hollywood.

Their classic first offering, Blood Simple, is a masterly thriller giving star M Emmett Walsh the role of his career as a seedy Texan private eye who turns crooked, while The Big Lebowski is a weird and wonderful comedy about kidnapping and worse, showcasing Jeff Bridges and John Goodman.

Hollywood is wickedly satirised when writer John Turturro tries his hand in 1940s Tinseltown in the cheerfully cruel Barton Fink, while Paul Newman made a comeback as a top executive while Tim Robbins is happily less po

faced than usual in gripping fantasy drama The Usual Suspects.

VERDICT: 7 1/2

FAMILY CHOICE

GARFIELD THE MOVIE (U) (FOX DVD/VHS)

GARFIELD, the comic strip hero who, by his own admission is a "happy, fat, lazy cat", is stirred to action when his master's new pet, daft dog Odie, is abducted by a weird TV show host.

The fat feline is soon flung into a frenzy of action that forces him to quit being a slob and become a hero – which, as his fans will know, is against all his instincts.

British director Peter Hewitt keeps the fun moving and doesn't patronise his highly unlikely furry hero.

VERDICT: 7/10

BEST BUY

LOVE ACTUALLY/BRIDGET JONES' DIARY/NOTTING HILL (15) (UNIVERSAL DVD £32.99)

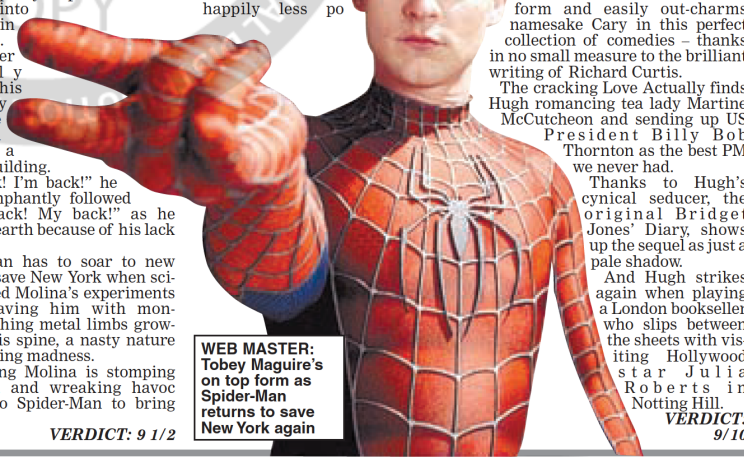
HUGH Grant is in unbeatable form and easily out-charms namesake Cary in this perfect collection of comedies – thanks in no small measure to the brilliant writing of Richard Curtis.

The cracking Love Actually finds Hugh romancing tea lady Martine McCutcheon and sending up US President Billy Bob Thornton as the best PM we never had.

Thanks to Hugh's cynical seducer, the original Bridget Jones' Diary, shows up the sequel as just a pale shadow.

And Hugh strikes again when playing a London bookseller who slips between the sheets with visiting Hollywood star Julia Roberts in Notting Hill.

VERDICT: 9/10



WEB MASTER:
 Tobey Maguire's on top form as Spider-Man returns to save New York again



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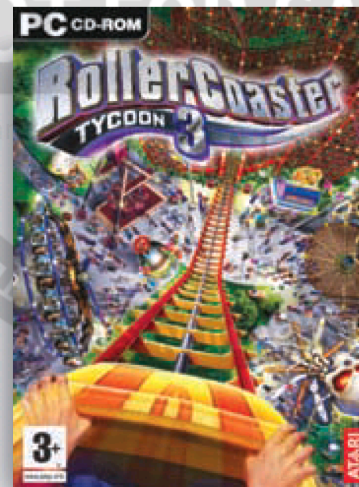
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TV GUIDE



6.00 BREAKFAST (T) 65834572. **9.15** Britain's Streets Of Poverty (T) 5138133. **10.00** Homes Under The Hammer (T) 26220. **11.00** Cash In The Attic (T) 3681930. **11.45** Trading Up (T) 9054423.

12.30 EUROPEAN NIGHTMARE A restored farmhouse has to be stripped after termites are discovered (T) 11249.

1.00 BBC NEWS, WEATHER (T) 17572.

1.30 REGIONAL NEWS, WEATHER 67155442.

1.40 NEIGHBOURS (T) 68186930.

2.05 DOCTORS Nathan and Tasha's date turns into a lifesaving adventure. Jack starts his first day at Riverside (T) 78478959.

2.35 MURDER, SHE WROTE A US senatorial hopeful has been murdered and his wife's necklace stolen – are the two crimes connected? (Rpt) (T) 2414978.

3.20 BBC NEWS, REGIONAL NEWS, WEATHER (T) 5308442.

3.25 CBEBIES: BINKA (Rpt) (T) 5398065. **3.35** The Koala Brothers (Rpt) (T) 2223510. **3.45** CBBC: Mona The Vampire (Rpt) (T) 4990572. **4.10** Blue Peter (T) 4536369. **4.25** New Scooby And Scrappy Show (T) 5050171. **4.35** The Basil Brush Show. Basil tries to give Molly's school council campaign a helping hand (T) 8934688.

5.00 BLUE PETER (T) 8104423.

5.25 NEWSROUND (T) 9061423.

5.35 NEIGHBOURS Karl and Susan reconcile their differences. Serena meets a handsome stranger. Nina and Jack kiss goodbye (Rpt) (T) 525626.

6.00 BBC NEWS (T) 959.

6.30 REGIONAL NEWS, WEATHER (T) 539.

7.00 A QUESTION OF SPORT Ally McCoist is joined by rugby player Will Greenwood and Paralympian Tanni Grey Thompson, while on Matt Dawson's team are footballer-turned-pundit Mark Lawrenson and cricketer Graham Thorpe (T) 5065.

7.30 TOP OF THE POPS Featuring Gwen Stefani, Eminem, Destiny's Child and the new No 1 from Girls Aloud (T) 423.

8.00 EASTENDERS Dennis demands the truth about Zoe's bruises. An accident at the cafe alarms Ian. Charlie hunts for a date (T) 4713.

8.30 MY DAD'S THE PRIME MINISTER Packer spins the PM's castaway collection, as media tycoon Rodney Venning tempts the family with a holiday (T) 3220.

9.00 FRENCH AND SAUNDERS Dawn and Jennifer are late for rehearsals, get lost on the way to the studio and have to meet an enthusiastic fan at the wrap party. Sketches include Chris Martin's mum and a look at the lives of two women who've moved to a Florida bungalow (T) 3688.

9.30 HAVE I GOT NEWS FOR YOU Comedy quiz show that grills celebrity contestants on the week's news. Team captains are Ian Hislop and Paul Merton (T) 24713.

10.00 BBC NEWS (T) 88423.

10.30 REGIONAL NEWS, WEATHER 710997.

10.35 FRIDAY NIGHT WITH JONATHAN ROSS Guests include Office star Ricky Gervais and actors Sheila Hancock and Rhys Ifans. Music is supplied by Keane (T) 892355.

11.35 FILM: LIGHTNING JACK (1994) Paul Hogan stars as outlaw Lightning Jack Kane (See Guide) 984046.

1.10 FILM: HALLOWEEN 5: REVENGE OF MICHAEL MYERS (1989) (See Guide) 558621. **2.50-6.00** BBC News 24 61833114.

REGIONAL VARIATIONS:

Wales – 6.55 Queen's Speech Response By Plaid Cymru – The Party Of Wales 525152. **10.35** Millennium Centre Opening 892355. **11.35** Friday Night With Jonathan Ross 580161. **12.35** Film: Lightning Jack (1994) 924534. **2.10** BBC News 24 90969350.

6.00 CBBC (Rpt) (T) 65442.

8.00 CBeebies (T) 5083249. **12.00** Film: County Hospital (1932) (See Guide) 7066336.

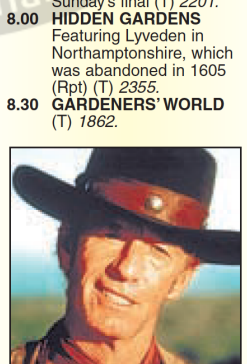
12.00 Trade Secrets (T) 9126220. **12.30** Working Lunch (T) 53442.

1.30 SNOOKER: UK CHAMPIONSHIP The first semi-final gets under way from the Barbican Centre in York (T) 76177220. **5.10** Weakest Link (T) 8321423.

6.00 Snooker: UK Championship. Further coverage from York (T) 201. **6.30** Strictly Come Dancing: It Takes Two (T) 881. **7.00** Snooker: UK Championship. A maximum of nine frames tonight will decide the first place in Sunday's final (T) 2201.

8.00 HIDDEN GARDENS Featuring Lyveden in Northamptonshire, which was abandoned in 1605 (Rpt) (T) 2355.

8.30 GARDENERS' WORLD (T) 1862.



OUTLAW: Paul, BBC1, 11.35pm

9.00 EMPIRE WARRIORS (T) 1713.

10.00 QI (T) 86065.

10.30 NEWSNIGHT (T) 95713.

11.00 NEWSNIGHT REVIEW (T) 904959. **11.35** Snooker: UK Championship (T) 380143. **12.35** Film:

The Big Combo (1955) (See Guide) 3388669.

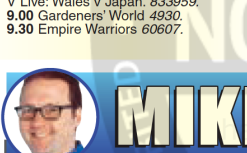
2.00-6.00 BBC Learning Zone 1953843.

REGIONAL VARIATIONS:

Wales – 5.55 Queen's Speech Response By Plaid Cymru – The Party Of Wales 402864. **6.30** Scrump Live: Wales v Japan. 833959.

9.00 Gardeners' World 4930.

9.30 Empire Warriors 60607.



EASTENDERS the story so far. Dennis (the small version) has returned to Albert Square, claiming that he's finally got his head together and that dippy Zoe is the girl for him. Sharon, however, has spent the week insisting that the bloke is talking out of his bottom, or words to that effect, and that she's the one he's really in love with. As we rejoice the action

6.10 THE HOOBBS (Rpt) (T) 9072626. **7.00** B4

3923084. **7.25** Friends

(Rpt) (T) 3926171.

7.55 Everybody Loves

Raymond 8265930. **8.25**

King Of Queens 3173539.

8.55 Bernie Mac (T)

6609626. **9.20** Supporting

Acts (Rpt) (T) 7271794.

9.25 Water Stories

(Rpt) (T) 7270065. **9.30**

Regency House Party

(Rpt) (T) 2993133. **10.20**

Beckett (Rpt) (T) 1122572.

10.30 Great Dates (Rpt)

(T) 9191442. **11.20** Hot

Wired (Rpt) (T) 1188268.

11.45 Beckett (Rpt) (T)

1718881. **12.00** News (T)

70404. **12.30** Cheers (Rpt)

(T) 65419. **1.00** Third

Watch (T) 5800152. **1.50**

Dr Quinn (T) 9259152.

2.45 Courtroom (Rpt) (T)

318572. **3.15** Countdown

(T) 7436607. **4.00** My

Place In The Sun (T)

3442. **5.00** Richard &

Judy (T) 7046.

6.00 THE SIMPSONS (T) 997.

6.30 HOLLYOAKS (T) 249.

7.00 NEWS (T) 950355.

7.40 WEST WING (T) 466607.

8.30 FRIENDS (Rpt) (T) 6930.

9.00 SIMPSONS (T) 9626.

9.30 MAX AND PADDY'S

ROAD TO NOWHERE

(T) 17423.

10.00 PEEP SHOW Jeff is going

on a work trip with Sophie

(Olivia Coleman) (T) 71133.

10.30 FATHER TED

(T) 766591.

11.05 PUNK'D 892065.

11.35 BO' SELECTA VOL 3

(Rpt) (T) 245978.

12.10 4 MUSIC (Rpt) 7717263.

2.25 Jamie Kennedy

5670379. **2.50** Andromeda

5307534. **3.35** World Cup

Snowboarding 668534.

5.25-6.10 Countdown

(Rpt) (T) 9389224.

S4C As Channel 4 except: **8.50** Water

Stories 3348673. **9.00** Beckett

13794355. **9.15** Beckett 7941252. **12.30** Binca

59822959. **12.40** Barru 48195713. **1.00** Sam

Tan 87119864. **1.15** A Place In The Sun

56295045. **3.15** Countdown 6826859. **4.00**

Uned 5 28006133. **5.55** Rownd A Rownd

48294046. **6.50** Y Cwyl Rhngwladol

38725220. **9.05** Pabyl Y Cwm 6944572. **9.35**

Darllediad Gwledyddol Plaid Cymru 82030404.

9.40 Newyddion 21292423. **10.00** Simpsons

42540794. **10.30** Max And Paddy 4859442.

11.00 Father Ted 28907862. **11.30** Political

Broadcast By Plaid Cymru 11430775. **11.35**

Peep Show 18832626. **12.05** Film: Apocalypse

Now (1979) 24010008. **2.50** Punk'D 79852008.

3.20 Freeposts 78525398. **3.50** Brazilian

Football 8182350. **5.45-6.10** Close

6.00 SUNRISE 2034978. **6.30**

Milkshake! 55922317. **9.25**

Wright Stuff 13345775.

10.30 Sunset Beach

(Rpt) (T) 7070572. **11.25**

House Doctor (Rpt) (T)

92826249. **11.50** Wright

Stuff Extra 87084341.

12.00 News (T) 7553133.

12.30 Home And Away

(Rpt) (T) 4637591.

1.00 FAMILY AFFAIRS (Rpt)

(T) 3110862. **1.35**

BrainTeaser 3129510.

2.35 Trading Spouses

(T) 1061959. **3.30** News

Update (T) 98577794.



BUSINESS: Sophie, C4, 10pm

3.35 FILM: A HOLIDAY FOR

LOVE (1996) (See Guide)

8163152. **5.30** News (T)

4917084. **6.00** Home And

Away (T) 4914997. **6.30**

Family Affairs (T) 4905249.

7.00 News (T) 7608688.

7.30 TIM MARLOW'S

JUDGEMENT DAY

(T) 4994133.

8.00 HOT PROPERTY

(Rpt) (T) 7617336.

8.30 HOUSEBUSTERS

(T) 7629171.

9.00 HOUSE DOCTOR:

DESIGNS FOR LIVING

(T) 47291539.

10.05 FILM: HOLLOW MAN

(2000) (See Guide)

81072220.

12.15 FILM: IN THE DEEP

WOODS (1992) (See

Guide) 5187447. **1.50**

Film: Automatic (1994)

(See Guide) 30210008.

3.15 The Love Boat (T)

7189621. **4.05** Short

Story Cinema (Rpt) (T)

75555640. **4.25** Melrose

Place (T) 3225485.

5.10-6.00 Sons And

Daughters (T) 7951718.

6.00 GMTV 9914539. **9.25** Trisha. More

heartwarming and shocking true stories

with Trisha Goddard and a studio

audience (Rpt) (T) 9442201. **10.30** This

Morning (T) 87423. **12.30** ITV Lunchtime

News. Weather (T) 43297.

1.00 TODAY WITH DES AND MEL Joining Des O'Connor and Melanie Sykes today are Bradley Walsh, the 411 and Nicky Campbell (T) 94572.

2.00 I WANT THAT HOUSE Today, we join Andre and Joan Hancock, searching for their dream home in Italy (T) 6317.

2.30 REALITY BITES Reality cookery series presented by Kevin Woodford, which tests the culinary and management skills as the chefs find out if they have what it takes to create a three-course lunch for 20 diners (T) 626.

3.00 REGIONAL NEWS, WEATHER

(T) 2818423.

3.15 MIFFY AND FRIENDS (Rpt) (T)

5303997. **3.20** Engie Benji (Rpt) (T)

1878220. **3.35** Sonic X (T) 4929084.

4.00 Finger Tips (T) 9691572. **4.20**

Grizzly Tales For Gruesome Kids (Rpt)

(T) 5053268. **4.30** Help! I'm A Teenage

Outlaw (T) 862.

5.00 THE PAUL O'GRADY SHOW Paul and

star guests live up teatime with comedy

and chat (T) 9404.

6.00 REGIONAL NEWS, WEATHER (T) 355.

6.30 ITV EVENING NEWS, WEATHER (T) 607.

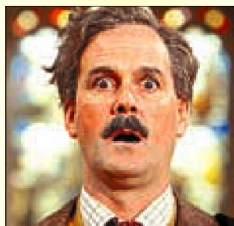
7.00 EMMERDALE Scott, Dawn and Donna

plot to get Viv and Bob back together.

Tom buries his doubts and confirms his

SKY

6.00 DR PHIL 45930. 7.00 Zoids 76249. 7.30 Batman 88084. 8.00 Gamezville 96201. 9.00 The X-Files (T) 3828336. 9.55 Buffy The Vampire Slayer (T) 7787666. 10.50 Angel (T) 6257591. 11.45 ER (T) 459668. 12.45 Scrubs (T) 963046. 1.15 The X-Files. Scully attempts to protect a boy whose death could trigger the coming of Armageddon (T) 9714539. 2.10 Dr Phil. A look at the problems faced by families that include children from more than one marriage 6961959. 3.05 The Sharon Osbourne Show. Sharon's joined by actors Will Estes and Tara Reid 8541794. 4.00 Buffy The Vampire Slayer. Anya summons forth a giant spider demon as an act of vengeance (T) 78084. 5.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation. As Picard fights for his life in surgery, and Geordi is held hostage by a group of aliens, Wesley's Starfleet exams seem unimportant (T) 8794. 6.00 Futurama. When Fry and Bender are mistaken for bank robbers, they are sentenced to time in an insane asylum for robots (T) 1997. 6.30 The Making Of The Incredibles. A look at Pixar's animation, which tells the story of a family of superheroes who become fed up with being sued and go into the witness protection programme 2249.



SHOCKED: John, 9pm

7.00 THE SIMPSONS When Lisa becomes a finalist in a spelling bee, she is offered a bribe – a college scholarship – to throw the competition (T) 9423.
7.30 THE SIMPSONS Homer becomes an anonymous vigilante, shaming local miscreants by splatting them with pies (T) 1133.
8.00 BATTLESTAR GALACTICA After the war with the Cylons, the surviving humans prepare to search for Earth 95249.
9.00 FILM: MONTY PYTHON'S: THE MEANING OF LIFE (1983) The Python team take an irreverent look at the various stages of human life. The movie includes a series of hit-and-miss attacks on assorted sacred cows that at times reach the highest pinnacles of bad taste. Comedy, starring John Cleese 316959.
9.55 EUROMILLIONS DRAW Live coverage 637442.
10.05 FILM: MONTY PYTHON'S: THE MEANING OF LIFE (1983) Continued from 9pm 189133.
11.05 THE ULTIMATE PLAYBOY Eight eligible millionaires are assessed on their knowledge of the finer things in life. In this edition, the search comes to an end and the judges crown the Ultimate Playboy 676539.
12.05 STAR TREK: THE NEXT GENERATION (Rpt) (T) 5758447. 1.00 Gamezville (Rpt) 6245027. 1.50 Angel (Rpt) (T) 6688089. 2.40 ER (Rpt) 6992331. 3.30 The Sharon Osbourne Show (Rpt) 9249466. 4.20 Hot Love 7808244. 5.10 Pokémon 5142244. 5.35-6.00 Batman 5262331.



HOT STUFF: Rob and Anna, Sky Movies 2, 8pm

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STAR RATINGS

****Don't miss it
****Good ***Average
**Time filler *Garbage!

COUNTY HOSPITAL (1932) b/w ****
BBC2, 12noon-12.20pm. Classic comedy. Manic medical mayhem ensues when Stan Laurel brings hard-boiled eggs and nuts to cheer up Oliver Hardy who is in hospital with a broken leg.

A HOLIDAY FOR LOVE (TVM, 1996)
**** Five, 3.35-5.30pm. Romantic drama. Businessman Tim Matheson is sent back to his hometown to close the local tractor factory but falls for one of the employees. Also starring Melissa Gilbert.

HOLLOW MAN (2000) ** Five, 10.05pm-12.15am.** Science fiction thriller. Scientist Kevin Bacon tests an invisibility process on himself but finds that it is irreversible and turns him into a psychopath. Co-starring Elisabeth Shue.

LIGHTNING JACK (1994) * BBC1, 11.35pm-1.10am.** Comedy western. Ageing outlaw Paul Hogan reluctantly takes a mute young boy hostage and the odd couple commit several botched robberies. Also starring Cuba Gooding Jr.
IN THE DEEP WOODS (TVM, 1992) * Five, 12.15-1.50am.** Chiller. Author Patricia Arquette is forced to join forces with a creepy private detective when serial killer Anthony Perkins targets her for death. Co-starring Will Patton.

THE BIG COMBO (1955) b/w ***
BBC2, 12.35-2.00 am. Thriller. Police lieutenant Cornel Wilde comes under pressure from a gang of criminals headed by a vicious thug. Co-starring Jean Wallace.

HALLOWEEN 5: THE REVENGE OF MICHAEL MYERS (1989) ***
BBC1, 1.10-2.50am. Shocker. Psychotic serial slayer Michael Myers embarks on yet another killing spree. Starring Donald Pleasence and Danielle Harris.

AUTOMATIC (1994) * Five 1.50-3.15am.** Science fiction thriller. A woman and a high-tech cyborg fight to survive when they are targeted for death.

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FILMFOUR

6.00 THOSE GLORY, GLORY DAYS (1983) Sports drama, starring Danny Blanchflower and Julia Goodman 5644775
8.00 MIKE BASSETT: ENGLAND MANAGER (2001) A hapless soccer coach becomes England manager. Comedy, starring Ricky Tomlinson 5649220
10.00 DOG SOLDIERS (2002) A group of soldiers on a military training exercise is stalked by werewolves. Horror, starring Sean Pertwee 3956591
12.00 THE HOWLING (1980) A news reporter experiences strange goings-on at a remote health retreat. Horror, starring Dee Wallace 9989824
1.50 THE DEVIL, PROBABLY (1977) Drama, starring Antoine Monnier 1544176
3.25 FELLINI: A LIFE IN FILM Series of interviews 49117398
6.00 CLOSE

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5.30 Pets (1999) Children's comedy 53539 7.00 Meeting Venus (1991) Drama 81171 9.00 Project X (1987) Thriller 85767084 11.05 The Rookie (2002) Sports drama 63154539 1.25 Only You (1994) Comedy 31633688 3.20 Project X (1987) Thriller 38325881 5.20 Bonus! The All New Comedy Long Weekend 1675084 5.50 The Rookie (2002) Sports drama 75160065 8.00 The Recruit (2003) Thriller, starring Colin Farrell and Bridget Moynahan 82775 10.00 Vanilla Sky (2001) Thriller, starring Tom Cruise and Penelope Cruz 23087882 12.20 Killing Zoe (1994) Comedy 258843 2.00 Doc Martin (2001) Comedy 59669 3.30-5.15 Scam (1992) Thriller 571669

SKY MOVIES 2

6.25 Motherhunt (2002) 15313775 8.25
The Associate (1996) 68957341 10.25 Bonus! The Manchurian Candidate 4005602 11.00 Second String (2002) 70717978 12.40 The Way She Moves (2001) 55207065 2.20 Damaged Care (2002) 115997 4.20 The Associate (1996) 25967688 6.20 Second String (2002) Sports drama 67350336 8.00 The Hot Chick (2002) Comedy, starring Rob Schneider and Anna Faris 26862249 9.50 Cradle 2 The Grave (2003) Action, starring Jet Li 817355 11.35 Legends Of The Fall (1994) Drama, starring Brad Pitt and Anthony Hopkins 31434133 1.50 Prelude To A Kiss (1992) 821355 3.35-5.15 Deepstar Six (1989) 558718

SKY CINEMA 1

6.00 The Black Orchid (1959) 27022201
7.40 Sunnyside (1919) 7222678 8.15 I Was A Male War Bride (1949) 18596423 10.05 Gilda (1946) 51453107 12.00 Mr Smith Goes To Washington (1939) 31422442 2.15 The Black Orchid (1959) 6196930 4.00 Gilda (1946) 8890794 6.00 I Was A Male War Bride (1949) Comedy, starring Cary Grant 8908930 8.00 Mr Smith Goes To Washington (1939) Drama, starring James Stewart 49725084 10.15 The Last Picture Show (1971) Drama, starring Jeff Bridges 49414688 12.30 Dracula AD 1972 (1972) Horror 4712553 2.10 They Came To Rob Las Vegas (1968) Crime 70456783 4.25-6.00 Perfect Strangers (1950) 8935602

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2.00 LESS THAN PERFECT 87065648
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3.30 THE OC See 7pm 27051688
4.30 HOLLYOAKS 93855317
5.00 FRIENDS See 8.30pm 09065828
5.30 FRIENDS See 8.30pm 93879997
6.00 WITHOUT A TRACE The team investigate the disappearance of a man who has been searching for his missing son 98923171
7.00 THE OC Everyone is still reacting to the engagement of Julie and Caleb 21551688
8.00 FRIENDS Monica and Chandler's wedding is almost upstaged by the news that someone might be pregnant. While Ross tries to impress a pretty single woman, Joey tries to impress Chandler's mother's date, who happens to be an important Broadway producer 77160292
8.30 FRIENDS Ross and Chandler try to restage wedding photos when Chandler loses the film from his own ceremony 88415189
9.00 RAMSAY'S KITCHEN NIGHTMARES Gordon Ramsay visits Bonaparte's in West Yorkshire and discovers the head chef's so-called fine dining, which actually makes Gordon physically sick 21540572
10.00 SEX AND THE CITY Carrie tries to change some of Mr Big's habits 20727046
10.30 SEX AND THE CITY Carrie and Mr Big find their own ways to say I love you. Miranda splits from her bartender boyfriend, and Samantha dates a rich man with a duplicitous servant. Charlotte gets caught in the fast lane after hooking up with a movie star 50472688
11.10 FOOL AROUND... WITH MY BOYFRIEND A reality show testing how far couples will push their relationships for money 87932152
11.45 PORN: A FAMILY BUSINESS Following a typical day in Seymour Butts' life - from teaching a class on sex to judging a pole dancing competition 70682201
12.20 Green Wing 1.30 Hollyoaks 1.55 The Secret Life Of Us 2.45 Fool Around... With My Boyfriend 3.15 Porn: A Family Business 3.45 Close

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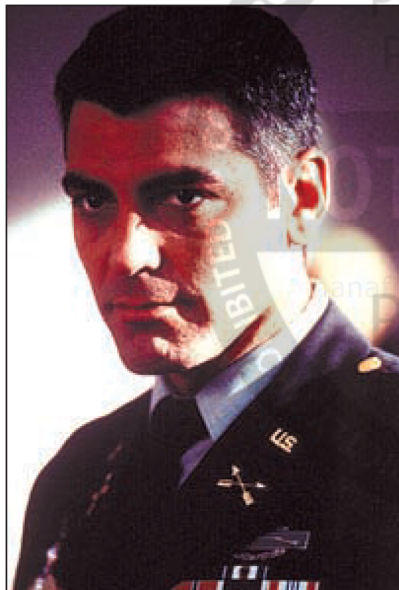
7.00 The 7 O'Clock News On BBC Three 7.30 Body Hits 8.00 Trauma 8.30 Little Angels 9.00 Mind, Body And Kick Ass Moves With Chris Crudelli 9.30 Mind, Body And Kick Ass Moves With Chris Crudelli 10.00 EastEnders 10.30 Outlaws 11.00 Little Britain 11.30 Two Pints Of Lager And A Packet Of Crisps 12.00 Two Pints Of Lager And A Packet Of Crisps 12.30 Mind, Body And Kick Ass Moves With Chris Crudelli 1.30 Outlaws 2.00 Two Pints Of Lager And A Packet Of Crisps 2.30 Two Pints Of Lager And A Packet Of Crisps 3.00 Who Rules The Roost? 4.00 Close

SCI-FI

6.00 The Ray Bradbury Theatre 6.30 The Ray Bradbury Theatre 7.00 Teleshopping 10.00 Quantum Leap 11.00 FreakyLinks 12.00 Firefly 1.00 The Pretender 2.00 Supernatural Destinations 3.00 The Outer Limits 4.00 Quantum Leap 5.00 Mysterious Worlds: Finding Atlantis 6.00 Firefly 7.00 The Pretender 8.00 The Dead Zone 9.00 Century City 10.00 Film: Angel Heart (1987) Thriller, starring Robert De Niro 12.00 Film: Don't Look Now (1973) Mystery 2.10 Prey 3.10 Prey 4.05 Lexx 5.00-6.00 Tracker

BRAVO

9.00 Motorway 10.00 Games Attack 10.30 Gamer TV 11.00 Fishomania 12.00 Alias 1.00 Police Beat 1.30 Blues And Twos 2.30 Police Videos 3.00 Street Crime 4.00 Police Beat 4.30 Police Videos 5.00 Gamer TV 5.30 Gadgets 6.00 Knight Rider 7.00 Street Crime 7.30 Games Attack 8.00 Alias 9.00 Street Crime 9.30 Boogie Britain 10.00 World Stupid 10.00 Premiership 11.00 Cops, Cars... 11.30 Bare 12.00 Street Crime 12.30 World Stupid 1.00 Down Loaded 1.30 Bare 2.00 Sin Cities 2.30 AXN 3.00 Close



MAKING THE PEACE: George Clooney, UKTV GOLD, 11pm

UKTV GOLD

6.00 Neighbours 6.30 As Time Goes By 7.10 It Ain't Half Hot, Mum 7.50 Doctors 8.25 EastEnders 9.00 The Bill 10.00 Holby City 11.00 Casualty 12.00 Doctors 12.40 EastEnders 1.20 Last Of The Summer Wine 2.00 BERGERAC See 6pm 3077978
3.00 THE BILL Hollis' caravan becomes the target of a young arsonist 4075607
4.00 HOLBY CITY Sam's determination to prove her feelings to Ric culminates in an unusual request 4087442
5.00 CASUALTY Comfort finds herself torn between two men and Finlay's day off doesn't go according to plan 9558602
6.00 BERGERAC When a private detective is found dead in Charlie's study, Bergerac goes to Provence to investigate 2984442
7.00 IT AIN'T HALF HOT, MUM The Concert Party cash box is 500 rupees short and Captain Ashwood is determined to root out the culprit 6534355
7.40 LAST OF THE SUMMER WINE Compo, Clegg and Foggy are intrigued by some perfectly respectable men who turn up wearing no trousers 1938220
8.20 THE GOOD LIFE Tom and Barbara try to keep their fleas to themselves. God forbid that they should spread next door 2361607
9.00 JONATHAN CREEK Jonathan and Maddy tackle another apparently unsolvable crime when an eminent scientist is found inside a locked room having been stabbed in the back with a samurai sword 50356539
10.15 THE ROYLE FAMILY On Christmas Day at the Royles', there could be an unexpected present for Denise 4415152
11.00 FILM: THE PEACEMAKER (1997) When missiles being transported on a Russian train are supposedly destroyed, a brass army specialist is teamed with an ambitious female executive to recover them. Action thriller, starring George Clooney, Nicole Kidman and Marcel Iures 11550133
1.20 The Fast Show 1.55 The Fast Show 2.30 Weakest Link 3.25 The Bill 4.25 Where The Heart Is 5.25-6.00 It Ain't Half Hot, Mum

ITV3

6.00 Survival 6.55 Peak Practice 7.50 Who Wants To Be A Millionaire? 8.30 Who Wants To Be A Millionaire? 9.00 Chicago Hope 9.55 The Practice 10.50 LA Law 11.50 Who Wants To Be A Millionaire? 12.30 Who Wants To Be A Millionaire? 12.55 Survival 2.00 The Practice 2.55 Chicago Hope 3.50 LA Law 4.50 Peak Practice 5.50 Film File 6.00 The Practice 7.00 Outside Edge 7.30 Cadfael 9.00 Film: What About Bob? (1991) A charming neurotic intrudes upon his psychiatrist's lakeside holiday in Vermont and wins over the shrink's wife and kids by outshining him in family activities. Comedy, starring Bill Murray and Richard Dreyfuss 11.00 Cold Feet. When Karen contemplates an affair with an author, David tries to sleep with the nanny 12.05 Chicago Hope 12.55 Film: What About Bob? (1991) Comedy, starring Bill Murray and Richard Dreyfuss 2.55 Teleshopping 5.55-6.00 ITV3 Nightscreen

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DISCOVERY

6.00 Hunters 7.00 Extreme Machines 8.00 5th Gear 8.30 Mark Williams On The Rails 9.00 Building The Ultimate 10.00 Salvage Squad 11.00 Ultimate Cars 11.30 5th Gear 12.00 The Real Race 1.00 Time Team 2.00 Battlefield 3.00 The Wreck Detectives 4.00 Battle For The Skies 5.00 Ultimate Cars 5.30 5th Gear 6.00 The Real Race 7.00 Time Team 8.00 American Chopper 9.00 The Worst Jobs In History 10.00 Al Murray's Road To Berlin 10.30 Bloody Britain 11.00 Forensic Detectives 12.00 Trauma 1.00 High Stakes 2.00 Al Murray's Road To Berlin 2.30 Bloody Britain 3.00 Worst Jobs In History 4.00 American Chopper 5.00-6.00 Time Team

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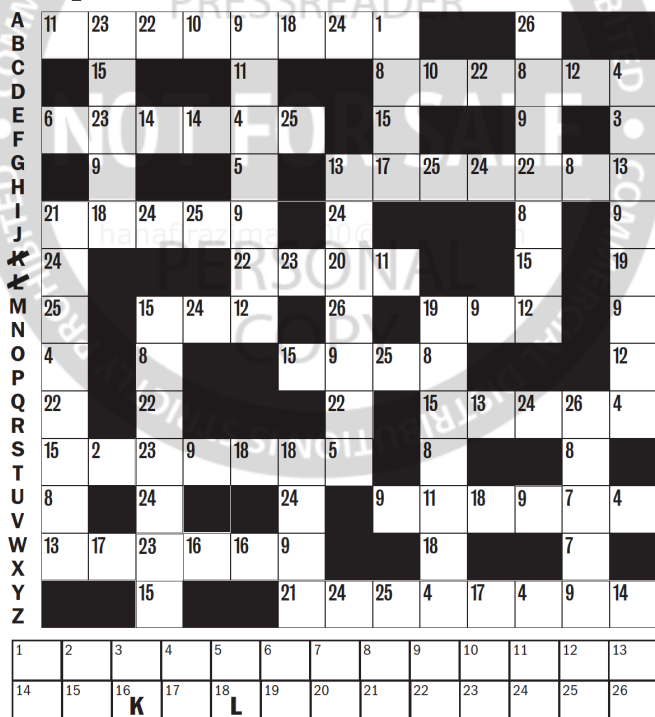
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VH-1

6.00 VH1's Greatest Hits 10.00 Then And Now 10.30 Classic 11.00 Top Ten: Everybody Dancel 12.00 Smells Like The 90s 12.30 So 80s 1.00 Greatest Hits 5.30 So 80s 6.00 Viewer's Juke Box 7.00 Smells Like The 90s 8.00 Classic. The best tracks from the Sixties, Seventies and Eighties 8.30 Then And Now 9.00 VH1 Presents The 80s 10.00 News Special: Grunge 11.00 Friday Rock Videos 1.30 Filpide 2.00 Chillout 2.30-6.00 VH1's Greatest Hits

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DIFFICULTY: 9/10; **TARGET:** 31 minutes; **CLUE:** In suspension by a neat twist.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION: Across: Pastor, Appear, Crumple, Crack, Fire, Relax, Today, Bush, Whorl, Lateral, Manage, Jungle.
 Down: Specify, Swamp (clue), Esquire, Bound, Coupe, Zoology, Vegetable, Spacial, Stout, Delay, Outrage, Broke, Shelter.

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FULL SOLUTION: 0905 072 3265

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ROUND CROSSWORD

Find the answer to each clue in the grid. Each word starts in its numbered square and proceeds to an adjacent square horizontally or vertically in either direction (but not diagonally). The last letter of each answer starts the next. We've given you one answer to start you off.

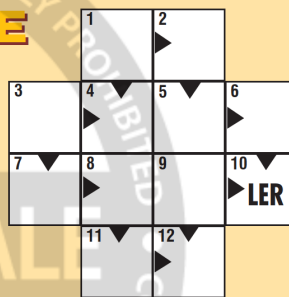


- 1 Desert
- 2 Essential
- 3 Sunny colour
- 4 Goods depot
- 5 First, time-wise
- 6 Dining surface cover
- 7 Mouth organ
- 8 Give up the throne
- 9 Fizziness
- 10 Furthest towards the rising sun

BOXWISE

Can you put these 12 three-letter syllables into the 12 numbered boxes to produce 12 six-letter words, each of which starts in one box and finishes in the box indicated by an arrow? For instance, 2 and 5 make a six-letter word, but not 5 and 9. One group of three letters has been filled in to start you off

DEN GLA LIN PRI
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 FUL LER NCE TIL



Goggleboxes

Which two of the pictures form a matching pair?



YESTERDAYS SOLUTIONS

his and hers

The missing item is: SUTHER.

high cheer

Eyebrow missing, line on pen missing, detail on shirt bit different, star a different colour, extra button on pocket, extra highlight on hair.

TODAY'S ANSWERS IN TOMORROW'S DAILY STAR

Two-way Teaser

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CRYPTIC CLUES

- ACROSS**
- 3 He cries out for being silenced! (9)
 - 7 You'll need it in travelling overseas! (5)
 - 8 He may care to be cheerful and reckless (5)
 - 9 Bear shakes tree a lot (8)
 - 10 A walkover for one in the field (5)
 - 13 Deadly creeper in the Bahamas, possibly (3)
 - 15 Be there for a non-drinking finale! (6)
 - 16 After liquor to drink beer round causes uproar (6)
 - 17 Ice, land or run (3)
 - 19 Get credit on this for a night on the tiles? (5)
 - 23 This ram's running a bit quick! (8)
 - 24 One who looks round north with derisive smile (5)
 - 25 You propose to make it! (5)
 - 26 It's novel not being listened to! (7-2)

DOWN

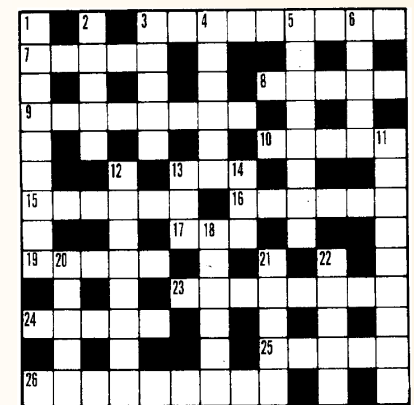
- 1 Fool listens — but they don't! (5-4)
- 2 Corner you need to go fishing (5)
- 3 Truck, see, right beside railway (5)
- 4 Tune is poor, but works with others (6)
- 5 Late for highly paid work? (8)
- 6 Show-off's movement that has you in a spin! (5)
- 11 At another place, in another way (9)
- 12 Obtain the soldiers to reach destination (3,5)
- 13 Dad struggles to make a sum (3)
- 14 Peer to be a busybody! (3)
- 18 Mine's dashed into road to be a jogger! (6)
- 20 Material Len holds inside (5)
- 21 This shows you the alcoholic content (5)
- 22 Instant bag for fragile items in the post? (5)
- 3 Person who shouts and brags (9)
- 7 Jargon (5)
- 8 Satan (5)
- 9 To bear (8)
- 10 Way for walkers over fence (5)
- 13 Venomous snake (3)
- 15 Be present at meeting (6)
- 16 Fracas (6)
- 17 Parched (3)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION: ACROSS — 1 Coach tour, 7 Eerie, 9 Neurotic, 11 Ladle, 12 Leotard, 14 User, 15 See, 17 Ore, 18 Nark, 20 Deposit, 23 Ruled, 24 Distinct, 26 Canal, 27 Elbow-room. DOWN — 2 Ounce, 3 Crust, 4 Out, 5 Recluse, 6 Deterrent, 8 Red Cross, 10 Ogre, 12 Lose track, 13 Open-plan, 16 Griddle, 19 Bent, 21 Owner, 22 Intro 25 Sob

- 19 Material for roofing (5)
- 23 Quickly, promptly (8)
- 24 Derisive smile (5)
- 25 Show willing (5)
- 26 Previously unknown (7-2)

- DOWN**
- 1 Person who doesn't want to listen (5-4)
 - 2 A corner (5)
 - 3 Transport vehicle (5)
 - 4 Amalgamates (6)
 - 5 Work additional to normal hours (8)
 - 6 To spin around (5)
 - 11 In some other place (9)
 - 12 Arrive at one's destination (3,5)
 - 13 Say further (3)
 - 14 To snoop (3)
 - 18 Jog someone's memory (6)
 - 20 Fabric made from flax (5)
 - 21 Evidence given in court (5)
 - 22 A moment (5)

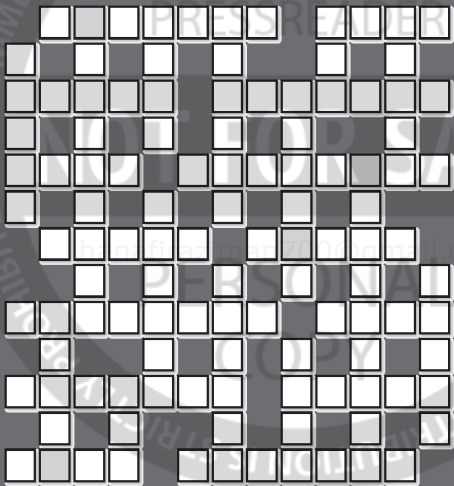
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PRIZE KRISS KROSS

Fit the words in the grid



3 letters: Ail, Sub. **4 letters:** Amps, Echo, Onyx, Spas, Stub, Yuck. **5 letters:** Aside, Barmy, Caked, Erupt, Forts, Obeyes, Potty, Tummy. **6 letters:** Glades, Lollop, Smooch, Townie. **7 letters:** Astound, Efforts, Quashed, Wallets. **8 letters:** Jetfoils, Killjoys. **9 letters:** Forecourt, Outspoken

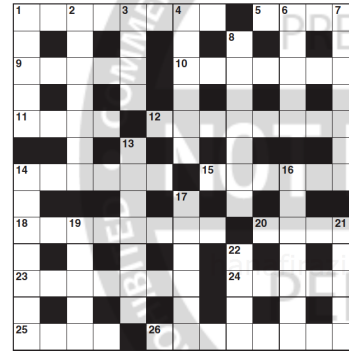
DO YOU KNOW...?

ACROSS

- 1 Halved (8)
- 5 *and the Detectives*, book and film (4)
- 9 First name of Ryan Philippe's actress wife (5)
- 10 Used a chair (3,4)
- 11 Surname of the actress who played TV's Elizabeth Bennet (4)
- 12 *American* ____, 1973 film (8)
- 14 Criminal racket (6)
- 15 Gumming, pasting (6)
- 18 Place where live fish can be looked at (8)
- 20 Beard-like filament near a fish's mouth (4)
- 23 Steeped, soaked (7)
- 24 Dreamy, absent-minded (5)
- 25 Follower of sombre fashion style (4)
- 26 Country estate (8)

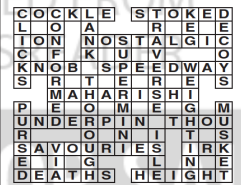
DOWN

- 1 Edmund ____, 18th-century man of letters (5)
- 2 Read letter by letter (7)
- 3 Masticate (4)
- 4 Safeguard (6)
- 6 New Zealand native (5)
- 7 West Sussex private college (7)
- 8 Constrainedly (7)
- 13 Plant retailer (7)
- 14 Breaking up into scales (7)
- 16 1968 Vanessa Redgrave biopic of a famous dancer (7)
- 17 Area between Arctic ice and the tree-line (6)
- 19 Not healthy (5)
- 21 Howled plaintively (5)
- 22 City on the Trans-Siberian railway (4)



YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

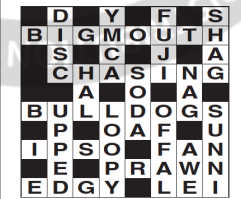
PRIZE KRISS CROSS



DO YOU KNOW...?

- ACROSS:** 1 Paging 4 Asylum
9 Frances 10 Naiad 11 Stay
12 Grenada 14 Aiding 16 Oswald
19 Hovered 21 Sift 23 Extra
24 Phyllis 25 Nudist 26 Argyle
- DOWN:** 1 Puff 2 Grafted 3 Nicky
5 Sanders 6 Laika 7 Midlands
8 Usage 13 Kathleen
15 Normans 17 Awfully 18 Adopt
20 Voted 21 Sayer 22 Ashe

PRIZE ARROWWORD

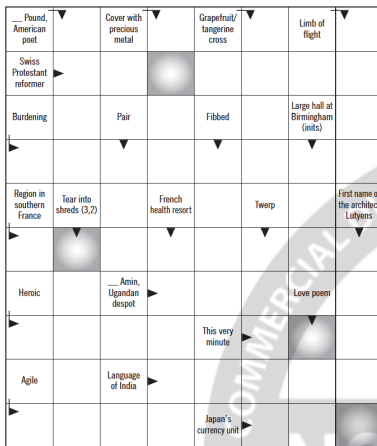
TODAY'S ANSWERS
IN MONDAY'S

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Prize Arrowword

In this puzzle, the clues are all inside the grid. Simply follow the arrows to enter your answers.



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CAN you crack the Alphabeater? It's a twist on our popular Alphapuzzle, designed to stretch your mental muscles to the limit. Each grid number represents a letter – or black square. As in Alphapuzzle, every letter of the alphabet is used. But now you have to complete the grid too! Use the given letter or letters and the given black square or squares – below the main grid – to start.

To add to the fiendish fun, Alphabeater is 'rotationally symmetrical'. So, for example, if there is a six-letter word Across which starts in the top left corner, there will be a corresponding six-letter word Across which ends in the bottom right corner square. Every black square has one such symmetrical 'twin', but the 'twin' may not always share the same number. This can help you identify other black squares.

Of course, if the centre square is black, it has no corresponding 'twin'. **Solution Monday.** Stuck? Try the Extra Letter Line below: (Deduct three minutes for each extra clue letter heard.) Callers will also be given two black square numbers free of any penalty.

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TARGET TIME: 37 minutes

Yesterday's solution: Black squares: 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11, 13, 14, 16, 25, 27, 28, 30.

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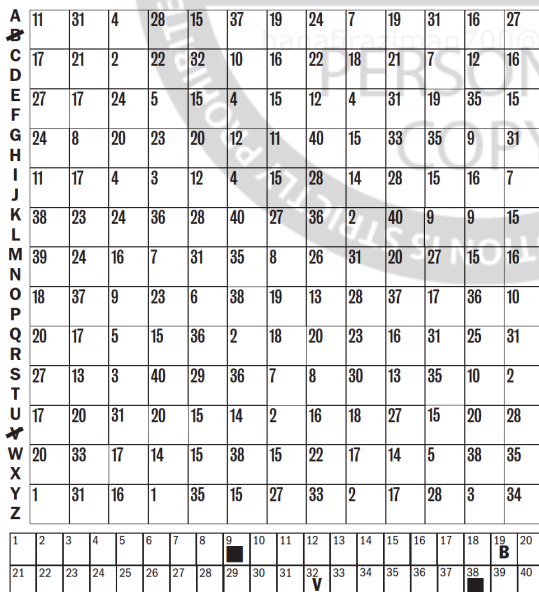
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Place: The Clyde Auditorium, Scottish Exhibition Centre, Glasgow, G3 8YW
Date: 13th December 2004
Time: 13:00 hrs

to consider the proposals of the Administrator of PowerPlan Company Limited, Douglas MacDonald, under Section 23(1) of the Insolvency Act 1986 and to consider establishing a creditors' committee.

A copy of the Administrator's proposals will be available on the PowerPlan website: www.powerplanadministration.co.uk from 6th December 2004. A creditor who cannot access the internet may obtain a copy, free of charge, from the Administrator at the address set out below. Copies of the proposals will also be available at the meeting.

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AFFAIR

IT'S going to be a sizzling affair when the girls let their hair down on the sexy soap Family Affairs.

The show's sauciest sirens have donned their hottest outfits and cracked open the bubbly to celebrate the programme's 2,000th episode on Five today.

The cute quartet of Carryl Thomas, Rebecca Hunter, Anna Acton and latest recruit Robyn Page have all added plenty of gorgeous glamour to the show and proved that they're a bunch of hungry man-eaters.

In the 2,000th episode Rebecca's character Melanie Costelloe ditches her husband after discovering that he's gay.

"She's distraught and angry," says the 23-year-old Northampton babe.

"But at least now I'll be able to get stuck in with some of the nice new actors!"

Raunchy Robyn, 23, from Essex has already been working her way through Charnham's chaps since making her telly debut on the show in October, playing Katie Williams.

Now the former model is all set to have a steamy affair with older man Pete Callan, played by David Easter.

As if he hadn't got problems enough – the current storyline with wife Eileen (actress Rosie Rowell) which has seen him being framed for murder, reaches a dramatic climax in the special episode.

by LOMA-ANN BONNER

"David is a pleasure to work with," says Robyn. "I'd never done a screen kiss before and he was lovely," she smiles.

Carryl's character, new mum Kelly Boulter, is more of a good girl.

But off-screen the single London beauty has a whole list of blokes that she'd love to invite to an intimate soiree.

"Shane Lynch is gorgeous," gushes 26-year-old Carryl, "but I also love actors like Hugh Grant, Richard E Grant and Benicio del Toro."

Mates

So, join the queue boys! And Anna, 27, who plays Geri Evans – who is diagnosed with leukemia – would love her funny bone tickled by comedian Peter Kaye.

After three years on the show the gorgeous babe is moving on to pastures new, but not before she joins in the Family Affairs shindig.

"I'm so proud of being involved with the soap," says Anna. "I've made some great mates and I'll really miss everyone."

All the fab four need to do now is whip off the curlers, stick on their fave cheesy pop tunes and light up the dance floor with some sexy moves.

● You can catch the 2,000th episode of Family Affairs tonight at 6.30pm on Five.

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It's the business

Columbus didn't have a business plan when he discovered America - Andrew Grove

Movers & groovers

BUDGET airline **easyJet** is bringing a new man into the cockpit after Chris Walton resigned yesterday as finance director.

Walton attracted flak from some investors after a series of profits warnings.

His replacement will be Jeff Carr, director of finance for **Associated British Foods** and formerly an executive at **Unilever** and **Grand Metropolitan**.

TO the 39th **Guinness** and oyster luncheon where the City's great and good gather to raise money for disabled people's charity, the Queen Elizabeth's Foundation.

Drinks giant **Diageo** donates barrels of its stout to the cause, but in his welcoming speech Lord Mayor of London Michael Savory confessed: "I don't like Guinness."

THE revolving door at **WH Smith's** HQ is spinning again a day after **Severn Trent's** Robert Walker was announced as replacement for chairman **Richard Handover**.

Trevor Goul-Wheeler, Smith's director of books and former managing director of **Hammicks Bookshops**, is leaving to be chief executive of recruitment group **Reed Health**.

BARCLAYS bank, once boycotted by students for its perceived support for South Africa's apartheid regime, is supporting a charitable trust founded by Nelson Mandela.

It is giving £5 million to the Nelson Mandela Legacy Trust to help projects in Africa dedicated to education and HIV relief.

A SPIN OFF from the **Falkland Islands Holdings**, **Falkland Gold and Minerals**, has raised £8m from institutional investors to fund a hunt for gold.

It is offering shares to the public to raise £2m, which will give it a total market value of £31m when it floats on Aims.

VENTURE capital firm **Canvashid Corporate Finance** was celebrating yesterday after being voted European Private Equity Boutique of the Year at an industry bash in Paris.

THE DEALER

STORE GIANT HITS £2bn MARK



MARKET LEADER: Tesco is really powering into profit under Sir Terry Leahy

Tesco boom

TESCO is on track to smash the £2 billion profit barrier this year.

The store, led by Sir Terry Leahy, yesterday reported a surge in non-food markets such as clothing and DVDs, while international stores also performed well.

Analysts described the latest figures as "stunning" and upgraded their forecasts for this year and next. Shares

by TONY LEONARD

closed up 10.75p at 308.75p, an all-time high.

Tesco sales soared 12.2% in the three months to November 20, the retailer said yesterday.

In the UK, same-store sales' growth, excluding petrol, was 7.5% as the grocer turned up the heat on rivals by cutting prices.

The strong growth came despite reports that consumers

had tightened their purse strings.

The British Retail Consortium reported that retail sales grew at their slowest pace in October since the start of 2004.

Hit

International sales were also extremely buoyant, up 11.9% in the third quarter.

Tesco said its range of value electrical goods was proving a big hit, with 20,000 kettles, at

£5.76 each, particularly popular. Leahy's supermarket chain has regularly taken customers from its rivals this year.

Over the past 12 months its share of the grocer market has risen to 28.3% from 26.5% last November.

Simon Proctor, analyst at Charles Stanley, said: "The bears' concern that this would be the year that Sainsbury's and the old Safeway business fought back have clearly proved to be unfounded."

There was speculation earlier this week of a merger with French supermarket group **Carrefour**, but Tesco declined to comment on the rumours.

News of Tesco's continuing strength came as a Liberal Democrat MP welcomed calls for an investigation into supermarkets' domination of the grocery market.

Andrew George, their agriculture secretary, said the buying power of supermarkets was "killing off" independent retailers and creating an unhealthy dependence among farmers.

HOT GOSSIP

AIM-listed telematics firm Cybit was one of the market's star performers yesterday, gaining 0.33p or 18% to 2.15p on brisk trading. There was speculation the company was close to securing another contract following a recent tracking device supply deal with Sainsbury's.

Bank is feeling pinch

A SLOWDOWN in mortgage sales caused by rising interest rates and intense competition has stunted growth at **Barclays** high-street banking division.

The bank said "pressures within the mortgage business" had offset increases in the number of people opening new accounts to ensure a "flat" performance.

Mortgage profit margins have been squeezed by successive interest rate rises, forcing Barclays to sacrifice volume growth through offering cheap deals to focus on more profitable business.

Its share of new mortgage lending has slipped as a result.

News of the slowdown came just days after the bank's chief economist warned house prices could fall by as much as 20% from their current levels.

Analysts also feared interest rate rises were beginning to hit profits at Barclaycard.

Shares in the group tumbled by 15.5p to 545p as cost increases outstripped income growth during the third quarter to September, continuing a trend established in the first half.

Hell for hols firm

ONLINE travel company **Lastminute.com** yesterday announced that its earnings had failed to reach promised levels.

The company's shares lost 13%, falling 15.5p to 104.25p.

Chief executive and co-founder Brent Hoberman said: "Our financial performance has fallen short of expectations."

David Howell, finance director since 2001, is quitting with no job to go to.

WHO'S DEALING

HOUSEHOLD products firm **Maybourn Group** eased 1.5p to 272.5p as managing director **Michael Samuel** sold down his stake. Samuel netted £540,000 after disposing of 200,000 shares at 270p, leaving him with 9,218 million shares or 42.4%. Shares have risen 25% since January.

Future's mapped out

SALES have soared at bike and car parts retailer **Halfords** since its flotation in June.

Demand for satellite navigation and radar detection equipment led the sales surge.

But the company, founded in 1892, said yesterday that stores with mezzanine conversions had performed particularly well.

The space provided by the newly-created intermediate floors had given a boost to the

converted stores. "For stores that have been converted, we have seen like-for-like growth of around 21%," said finance director Nick Carter.

With just a fraction of its 393 stores converted so far, this added little to the group's maiden set of results. But sales were still up 12.7% in the six months to October with pre-tax profits leaping 170% to £26.5 million.

FTSE100 SHARE INDEX ▲ Up 34.00 points (+0.72%) at 4753.40

Company	Price	Change	High	Low	▲
3i Grp.	647	+1	686	528	1470
A.B. Food	738	+3	742	562	1082
Aldi Domestic	522	+5	523	404	1000
Alliance & Linc	863	+4	915	795	2233
Alliance Unicom	721	+2	722	488	6022
AMVESCO	327	-4	460	261	1124
Anglo	586d	+1	1420	1072	4949
Antofagasta	1135	+20	1258	836	3438
Astrazene	2087	-12	5157	2077	1585
Aviva	576	+2	591	457	3388
BAA	586d	+1	590	469	7389
BAE Sys	244.4d	+1	252	159	1010
Barclays	545	-15	576	443	1004
BG Grp.	367	+1	380	279	7274
BHP Bill	620	+13	621	432	2423
BOD Grp.	944	+19	949	791	1008
Boots Group	628d	-2	752	596	1009
BP	547.4d	+11	556	405	1011
Br.Airways	219	+1	332	199	5258
Br.Land	799	+19	803	548	1128
BSkyB	559	-2	776	465	3382
BT Group	194	-1	199	169	1012
Bund	452d	+3	485	405	1137
Cable & Wire	114	+1	153	96	1015
Cadbury-Sch.	475	+5	477	370	1016
Cain Energy	1537	-3	1570	365	3643
Capita Group	357	+3	370	224	5263

Company	Price	Change	High	Low	▲
Carnival	2965d	+3	3050	2020	2568
Centrica	247	+1	252	188	1818
Compass Group	240	-2	385	213	7663
Corus Group	54	+1	56	29	4630
Daily Mail	734	-2	760	607	3973
Diageo	742	+5	780	657	1029
Dixons Grp.	150	-1	176	131	1020
Emap	796	+1	955	698	1186
Ent. Inns	652	+1	655	467	4713
Exel	737	+3	789	682	1366
Friends Prov.	148	+2	157	123	7733
Gallagher Grp.	734	+25	737	582	2222
GlaxoSmithKline	1135d	+8	1333	1042	1024
GUS	878	+12	912	713	1237
HSBC Hldgs	891	-3	953	784	5562
Hays	426	-1	451	380	1030
HBO	736	+1	781	663	3333
Hilton Group	264.4d	+5	284	209	1942
ITV	109.4d	-1	148	94	2145
Imp. Chem.	237	+2	247	184	1032
Imp. Tobacco Gr.	1369	+32	1372	1056	1271
Intercon. Hotel	669	+11	692	480	3729
John. Math.	1032	+21	1055	841	1280

Company	Price	Change	High	Low	▲
Kingfisher	291	+1	317	270	5908
Land Secs.	1259	+24	1266	948	1035
Legal&Gen.	107	+1	109	87	1036
Lip Int.	875	+9	883	650	7649
Lloyds Tsb Grp.	418	+3	476	391	6395
Man Group	1480d	+6	1856	1155	7896
Marks & Sp.	335d	-1	368	264	1039
Mind	116	+1	118	72	2100
Morrison (Wm)	223d	+1	256	171	1253
Next	1633d	+13	1705	1079	1254
Nitin Rock	723	+18	789	670	3555
Old Mutual	126d	+1	127	90	2782
Pearson	628	+3	681	579	1374
Reckitt Benck.	1558	+429	228	1047	1047
Reed Elsevier	490	+3	542	445	1396
Rentok Int'l.	156	+1	221	136	7779
Royal Bank Scot.	1628	+12	1764	1464	3219
REXAM	457	+1	467	403	1115
Rio Tinto	1542	+5	1574	1212	6699
Rolls-Royce	267.4d	+1	269	166	6441
Royal Sun All.	75	-1	109	68	7482

Company	Price	Change	High	Low	▲
SAB	875	+11	875	537	4718
Sage Grp.	186	-1	207	155	6601
Sainsbury(J.)	262d	-1	359	242	1050
Schroders	683	+1	735	535	1415
Schroders Nv	620	-2	668	486	2917
Scot.&Newcastle	424	+3	444	361	1421
Scot.&Sth.Engry.	318	+2	339	637	6027
Scot.Power	494d	+7	443	350	6028
Severn Trent	896	+7	911	700	4015
Shell	448	+12	450	346	2935
Shire Pharmcd.	534	-1	571	436	1000
Smith&Nephew	534	+6	614	439	1434
Smiths Group	769	+4	782	519	1437
Stand.Chart.	1008	+3	1035	833	4887
Tesco	308.4d	+10	315	237	1056
Tomkins	246	-6	287	241	1462
Unilever	487d	+2	576	443	5883
Utul Utilities	596	+12	585	472	4010
Vodafone Gr.	143d	+1	149	114	3577
Whitbread	796d	-2	853	701	1498
William Hill	527d	+2	559	390	4848
Wolseley	922d	-2	974	740	3288
WPP Grp.	577	-4	643	469	2283
Xstrata	924	+16	939	570	4241
Yell Grp.	430d	-1	433	296	1026

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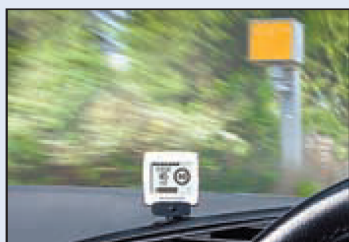
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CHRISTMAS is coming and – full of cheer as usual – the cops are out to get you. Cameras, laser guns, you name it ... ho, ho, ho you're nicked. Even if you are Santa.

There's a whole army of unofficial tax collectors out there, and drivers are their target. But there is a way you can fight back, and that's by fitting your motor with a perfectly legal warning system to protect your wallet and your licence.

And that's why this week I've got two absolutely fantastic £399 micro RoadPilot units to give away.

Do these things work? I'll say they do. For the past week I've been trying out a micro RoadPilot, and it's brilliant. It's easy to fit, and transferable



from car to car, so you don't have to worry if you have to change motors. For a distance of up to two miles (you can set your own range) the micro RoadPilot warns of speed cameras and all types of cop traps by emitting a series of different sounding beeps, according to what is lying in wait for you, or even who's trying to zap you from behind.

Even if you've got the stereo on loud, it's so piercing you'll still hear it, so you can concentrate on the road ahead instead of looking out for cameras.

Once you've used a micro RoadPilot, you'll never want to be without it ... it's like driving naked.

To win one of these great units, simply phone 0905 028 0202 and leave your name and address.

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Alternatively, text DSMOTOR followed by your name and details to 61616. Texts cost 25p plus your usual network operator rates.

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Normal Daily Star rules apply.

Good luck folks.

● For more details about RoadPilot visit www.roadpilot.com or phone 0870 140 1701.



VOLVO's massive and highly successful seven-seat off-roader, the XC90 (above) has finally got the mid-range motor it's been crying out for with the introduction of a 2.5-litre turbo unit. With 210bhp and a whacking 237lbs of torque this vast machine hits 0-62mph in 9.5secs and goes on to 130mph. It starts at just £31,230, which is more than £14,000 cheaper than the top-of-the-range 292bhp 2.9-litre model, yet performance figures are virtually identical. It's also £2,000 cheaper than the XC90 diesel, which could best be described as slow, but safe and comfy.



Baby Beemer is part of the family



DAISY Dosodall was in a very bad mood.

It was Friday morning, she had a hangover and, worse, Mummy had gone out, which meant that she'd have to make her own breakfast.

Daisy couldn't be bothered, so she just had a glass of milk, which she left on the side, because she'd never have considered actually putting it in the dishwasher.

She glanced at the clock and noticed she was already half an hour late for her 11am appointment at the beauty clinic, where she was having her nails done for the second time that week.

She couldn't care less that they would charge for their wasted time. It was on Mummy's account anyway, so she'd pay.

Daisy shut the front door, leaving all the lights on, as usual, and her bedroom looking like a broken-down laundry.

If she was in a bad mood now, things were going to get a lot worse. She fumbled in her handbag for the keys to Mummy's swish BMW 325i Coupé. They weren't there.

In fact, when she looked around the courtyard all she could see was the crummy Mini Cooper that her tight-fisted father had bought for her 20th birthday.

She'd only driven it a couple of times before she promptly



WELL-EQUIPPED: New 1 Series is not a cut-price motor

declared it to be common. "My God, even the poor people from that new housing estate have got Minis," she told her parents. "I want a BMW."

Daisy didn't get one, so she simply took Mummy's car whenever she needed it. Not today, though.

Vile

By the time she got to the beauty clinic Daisy was in a vile temper. She parked the Mini, ferociously slammed shut the door and strode through the car park.

To make matters worse she passed a couple of BMWs, but one

of them looked odd. She stopped again, walked right round it and noticed the badge on the boot. BMW 116i it said. Daisy smiled.

For the next six months she was going to be the nicest daughter any parents could ask for.

Right up to her 21st birthday, when Daddy would hand her the keys to her very own BMW.

It was lust at first sight. Daisy is, after all, a woman. And like all her girly chums at Le Bistro, she has to be, the poshest of them all.

Forget swish Audis, don't even mention VW Golfs, this is the latest must-have fashion accessory

for girls who wear Gucci. And guess what? It's not a bad decision either, because this is actually a very good motor.

I don't know why, but I'd expected BMW to stick their big blue badge on to something that hadn't cost much to make, and which would also feel that way.

In other words, a sell-out that would make them loads of money. Not a chance. This baby-Beemer has all the good qualities of every BMW I've driven, and with that, too, comes all the bad ones. But hell, this is still, definitely, a BMW.

Solidly built, solid to drive, immensely safe, super-comfy, practical and good looking (apart from 5 Series, which is pig-ugly).

Easy

Step inside, and you could almost be in any BMW. All models come with the big and easy-to-use BMW single-slot CD stereo, while the instruments, with their white numbers on a black background, with silver surrounds, are smart and purposeful.

The switchgear, like the gearbox, is chunky and slots into place. It all feels so well made and there's a reason for that: It is.

At £15,690 the basic 116i is remarkably well-equipped. The 116i SE (special equipment) model I drove cost £17,640, which puts it up against posh versions of the